

Status of Major Recent Congressional Land Acts and Pending Bills in Nevada

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COUNTY	Existing Act (s)	Highlights	Pending Bill (s)	Public Process
CARSON CITY	See Douglas County		Bill being discussed, timeframe for final draft is two years.	Board of Supervisors holding preliminary discussions. Major public input received during recent update to the Carson City Master Plan that urged the City to pursue infill and redevelopment, not to pursue broad disposals of public lands that encourage sprawl. City Manager: Linda Ritter, 775-887-2101
CHURCHILL	N/A		None at this time.	County Manager: Brad Goetsch, 775-423-5136
CLARK	Public Law 107-282: Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act (2002)	Red Rock NCA boundary adjustment; Seventeen new wilderness areas; Expands SNPLMA disposal boundary; Creates Ivanpah Corridor; Creates Sloan Canyon NCA; Public interest conveyances; Humboldt Project Conveyance.	None at this time.	County Manager: Thom Reilly, 702-455-3530
CLARK	Public Law 106-362: Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act (2000)	Created ability for BLM to dispose of 5,863 acres for future international airport site, 23 air miles south of McCarran International Airport. Timeframe for completion of airport, pending NEPA is +/-10 years.		
CLARK	Public Law 105-263 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (1998)	Authorized BLM to sell public lands in Las Vegas Valley at public auction through a joint selection process for development of parks, trails and natural areas; capital improvements; multi-species habitat conservation plans; Lake Tahoe restoration projects; and acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands.		
DOUGLAS	Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act (2005) Note: Also affects Carson City.	Disposed of small amounts of U.S. Forest Service lands in northern Douglas County and southern Carson City with the proceeds going to the Carson Water Subconservancy, the State education fund, expansion of the Minden Interagency Dispatch center and the Sisk Act fund.	Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Manager: Dan Holler, 775-782-9821
ELKO	N/A		No bill drafts proposals at this time.	County Manager: Robert Stokes, 775-738-5398
ESMERALDA	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	Discussions have been held with the County Commissioners, Congressional Delegation Staff, and the State Land Use Planning Agency. County Commissioners: 775-485-3406
EUREKA	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Commissioners: 775-237-5262
HUMBOLDT	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	Discussions have been held with the County Commissioners, Congressional Delegation Staff, and the State Land Use Planning Agency. County Manager: Bill Diest, 775-623-6300
LANDER	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	Public Lands Policy Plan recently adopted by the County Commissioners to address, among other things, a possible lands bill. The Plan was prepared with assistance from the State Land Use Planning Agency. County Commissioners: 775-635-2885
LINCOLN	Public Law 108-424 Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2004)	Established 14 new wilderness areas comprising 768,294 acres; authorized up to 90,000 acres of public lands for disposal; designated areas for county parks; designated utility corridor; created the Silver State OHV Trail;	None at this time.	County Commissioners: 775-962-5390

LINCOLN	Public Law 106-298 Lincoln County Land Act (2000)	Authorized BLM to sell 13,300 acres of public lands north of Mesquite in Lincoln County. Proceeds are used for wilderness planning, natural resource protection, recreation. In addition, 10% of the proceeds go directly to Lincoln County.		
LYON	N/A		Draft bill addresses federal land disposals for economic development/public purposes well as the designation of potential wilderness.	Process is on hold due to lack of consensus on potential wilderness designations of US Forest Service roadless areas (Sweetwaters and Bald Mountain). Note: The ongoing US Forest Service roadless inventory process has identified additional areas that are suitable for wilderness and any land bill may include these areas as well. County Manager: Donna Kristaponis, 775-463-6531
MINERAL	N/A		None at this time.	County Commissioners: 775-945-2446
NYE	N/A		Possible bill draft process in near future.	County Commissioners holding informal discussions. County Manager: Michael Maher, 775-482-8191
PERSHING	See Washoe County		"Checkerboard Lands Committee" created to address federal land disposals and potential wilderness. Main emphasis of this bill draft is to address the "Checkerboard lands" along the I-80 corridor and to come to agreement on some logical land ownership pattern that would consolidate public and private lands in a more manageable way through a land transfer and competitive bid process.	Checkerboard Lands Committee is holding ongoing meetings to address issues including mineral split estate concerns. Committee held wilderness tours that were a good example of consensus-building. At this time, the County Commission supports a wilderness package of approximately 110,000 acres. Appears at this time that any lands that include split estates will not be part of the bill. County Commissioners: 775-273-2342
STOREY	N/A		None at this time.	County Commissioners: 775-847-0968
WASHOE	Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act (2000) NOTE: Also in Pershing County	Established new NCA consisting of 797,100 acres; Established ten new wilderness areas comprising 1.2 million acres, of which 380,600 acres lie within the NCA;	Bill draft process underway to address public land disposals for urban expansion. Wilderness component and tribal expansion will be part of the bill.	Public meetings are ongoing. Issues include concurrency with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan. County Manager: Katy Singlaub, 775-328-2000
WHITE PINE	N/A		Bill draft process has been underway for two years and is nearing completion and transmittal to Congress. Draft addresses wilderness proposals, disposal of public lands for economic development, state park expansion (Cave Lake and Ward Charcoal Ovens), state wildlife management area expansion (Steptoe WMA), and tribal expansion (Ely Shoshone); possible expansion of Great Basin National Park.	This draft is being introduced to the Senate on August 1, 2006. <u>It is anticipated that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee will review this bill after the August recess.</u> County Commissioners: 775-289-2341